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Kentucky Community Awarded USDA Grant for Water System ***Powell's Valley Water District serves Estill, Powell, Montgomery counties***

Frankfort, Ky. (Sept. 14, 2012) – The Powell's Valley Water District in Clay City, Ky. is the recipient of a \$344,200 grant and \$520,000 loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for upgrades to its water infrastructure.

Funds will be used to install a waterline, upgrade pump stations and cycling pumps, and retrofit two water storage tanks.

Energy and Environment Secretary Len Peters said the much-needed grant dollars will help in providing reliable access to clean water. "These funds from the USDA are important for the nation's rural communities, which are often unable to make necessary infrastructure improvements because of tight budgets. This funding will ensure access to clean water for the citizens served by the Powell's Valley Water District, and will also provide important job creation and economic benefits."

Grants being provided by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) help rural communities build and upgrade rural water systems. RUS funding provides thousands of new connections to water and wastewater facilities to improve water quality, increase the efficiency of water use, and reduce usage.

The Powell's Valley Water District, established in 1967, serves rural customers in Estill, Powell and Montgomery counties.

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